

**REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA 2
SECOND QUARTER 2002
COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES**

Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville,
Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Helena, Tangipahoa,
Washington, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana



The average quarterly employment for RLMA 2 during second quarter 2002 was 376,272, an increase of 1.0% from the first quarter 2002, and a decrease of 1.4% from the same period in 2001. Employment increased in eight of the 15 NAICS sectors from the first quarter 2002. The largest percentage increase of 14.3% was in arts, entertainment, and recreation.

Average quarterly employment data for second quarter 2002, first quarter 2002, second quarter 2001, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Average Quarterly Employment" on page 22. Retail trade was the leading industry in RLMA 2 with 46,042 employees, or 12.2% of total employment. East Baton Rouge was the leading parish with 240,119 employees, or 63.8% of total employment.

Total wages increased 3.6% from the same period in 2001, and increased by 1.0% from the first quarter 2002, for an average weekly wage of \$579.85. Iberville parish had the highest average weekly wage of \$756.03.

Average weekly wage data for each parish in RLMA 2 is listed in the table below. The average weekly wage data for all parishes within each NAICS sector is shown in the table "Regional Labor Market Area 2" beginning on page 25.

Parish	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Ascension	\$ 665.95
East Baton Rouge	598.39
East Feliciana	517.62
Iberville	756.03
Livingston	426.48
Pointe Coupee	465.57
St. Helena	427.68
Tangipahoa	434.65
Washington	443.80
West Baton Rouge	580.22
West Feliciana	698.74

The number of reporting units in RLMA 2 for second quarter 2002 was 21,474.

Due to the conversion to NAICS, this data should not be compared to data in publications prior to first quarter 2001.

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MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT

